

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

# MERRYLANDS NEWS

AUTUMN TERM AT MERRYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open-minded

Inquisitive

Never Give Up

## Attendance

School Attendance Target: 97.00%

This week's Attendance: 94.42%

**Remember....** If your child is absent, a call must be made to the School Office EVERY school day that your child is absent and must be reported by phone 01268 417893, via email [admin@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk) or ParentMail. Please do not send a message via Seesaw or Tapestry.

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school photographs went ahead today and yesterday and went smoothly. The children will be sent home with their leaflet today to enable you to view and purchase at your convenience.

The link has been sent out regarding Flu Vaccination's—please see the ParentMail that was sent earlier this week.

We ask that you order your child's Christmas dinner prior to 1st December 2023. Consent must be given via ScoPay.

The school site is nearing completion and we look forward to seeing the children in their new classrooms.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Take care  
Mrs Robinson

## Star of the Week

Acorn Class: Santiago D-C

Sunflower: Georgina P

Daisy Class: Charlie G

Daffodil Class: Levi W

Ladybird Class: Gagu D

Dragonfly Class: Erniee P

Butterfly Class: Remi S

Sycamore Class: Teddie C

Oak Class: Mark O

Maple Class: Louis P

Lake Class: Sienna H

Ocean Class: Vinnie L

River Class: Alexander B

Amazon Class: Aaliyah E

Snowdonia Class: Donald T

Eagle Class: Jessica R

Falcon Class: Aaron C

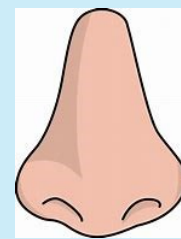
Adventurer Class: Koby L

Explorer Class: Derrick O



### Did you know?

Your nose gets warmer when you lie.

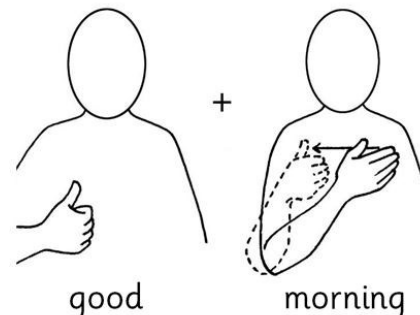


### Makaton Sign of the Week

Mrs Cubberley and Mrs Collings have been attending a Makaton course.

All children and staff will be learning a sign a week.

This week's sign is "Good Morning".



### Upcoming Events

08.12.23 - Nursery Carol Singing (10:45am - 11:30am & 2:15pm - 3:00pm)

11.12.23 - Flu Vaccination - Consent Forms to be sent

12.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Sunflower Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

13.12.23 - Year 2 Singing at Eastgate (10:00am-11:00am)  
Parent/Carer invited to watch - raising money for St Luke's Hospice

13.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daisy Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

14.12.23 - Reception Christmas Performance Daffodil Class (2:30pm-3:00pm). Limited to 1 parent/carer per pupil due to capacity - More details to follow.

15.12.23 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

15.12.23 - Year 1 and Years 3-6 Christmas singing videos sent home to families through Tapestry/Seesaw

18.12.23 - Year 6 Parent/Carer drop in (3:30pm - 4:15pm)

More details to follow

21.12.23 - 03.01.24 - Christmas Holidays

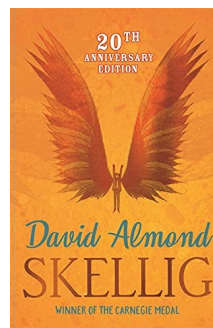
04.01.24 - Children return to School.



This week Adventurer Class have been reading Skellig by David Almond.

It is a book that tells a tale about Michael and his unusual friend Mina and their relationship with a strange old man living in Michael's rickety garage.

The old man is very unusual and obviously has secrets, like is he actually old or does he just look old? Also, where did he come from, why is he there and what are those strange lumps on his back?



Children's  
Speech and Language  
Therapy Advice Line0300 300 1818  
on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm

Please call us on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-3pm if you have been previously known to Speech and Language Therapy and need some advice around speech, language, and communication

www.nelft.nhs.uk

## Lunch at a glance....

Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
Monday	Main Meals: Chicken Fajita Wrap or Quorn Wrap with Potato Wedges Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Chocolate Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Monday	Main Meals: Bacon or Cheese Macaroni Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Denuts Jacket Potato	Monday	Main Meals: Chicken Burger or Quorn Burger with Chips & Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Pancake Jacket Potato
Tuesday	Main Meals: Spaghetti Mince Beef Pie or Vegetable Pie with Mash & Gravy Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	Tuesday	Main Meals: Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets with Chips & Tomato Sauce Vegetables: Beans Dessert: Home-made Cake & Custard Jacket Potato	Tuesday	Main Meals: Butchers Sausages or Vegan Sausages with Mash, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato
Wednesday	Main Meals: Meatballs or Vegan Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Fusilli Pasta Vegetables: Seasonal Vegetables Dessert: Iced Sponge Cake Jacket Potato	Wednesday	Main Meals: Butchers Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Yorkshire Pudding Vegetables: Carrots & Peas Dessert: Fruit Jelly Jacket Potato	Wednesday	Main Meals: Homemade Chicken Pie or Vegetable Pie, Roast Potato & Gravy Vegetables: Carrots Dessert: Fruit Burst Jelly Jacket Potato
Thursday	Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato	Thursday	Main Meals: Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta Vegetables: Mixed Vegetables Dessert: Flapjack Jacket Potato	Thursday	Main Meals: Sticky BBQ Chicken or Sticky BBQ Quorn Pieces with Rice Vegetables: Sweetcorn Dessert: Homemade Marble Cake & Custard Jacket Potato
Friday	Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Chips Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato	Friday	Main Meals: Battered Fish Fillet or Plain Omelette with Waffles Vegetables: Spaghetti Hoops Dessert: Artic Roll Jacket Potato	Friday	Main Meals: Fish Fingers or Cheddar Whirl with Waffles Vegetables: Peas Dessert: Ice Cream Jacket Potato

An unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salad, yoghurts and fresh fruit are available daily

Donate A  
Christmas Jumper  
Week27th November - 1st  
December

Friends of Merrylands are running a fundraising event to sell donated Christmas Jumpers to Merrylands Parents to use for Christmas 2023.

Please give any donated jumpers to your child's class teacher.

Jumpers will be available to buy after school on 8th December.

All jumpers will be £2



## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 1<sup>st</sup> December  
 MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 4<sup>th</sup> December  
 WHITMORE – DEPUTY SEND CO-ORDINATOR closing date 24<sup>th</sup> November  
 WHITMORE – KS2 LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 28<sup>th</sup> November  
 WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 25<sup>th</sup> November  
 WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (PART-TIME) closing date 25<sup>th</sup> November

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

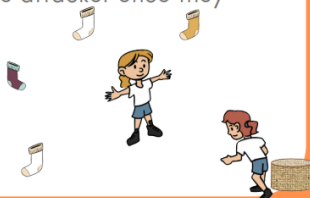
## PHYSICAL EDUCATION



## Capture the Socks

**What you need:** a basket, four pairs of rolled up socks and two players**How to play:**

- Place the socks randomly in the playing area.
- One player (the attacker) begins at the basket.
- The defender begins three big steps away.
- The attacker has six attempts to collect a pair of socks and place them into the basket.
- The defender can tag the attacker once they leave the basket and if caught the attacker must return to the basket and start again.

**How many socks did you get in the basket?**

www.getset4education.co.uk

## Sportsperson of the Half Term...

Layla Guscoth

**Who is Layla Guscoth?**Layla Guscoth is an English netball player who was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1992 in Birmingham. Layla plays in the goal defence and goal keeper positions and she picked up netball at primary school.

As well as playing netball, Layla is a trained doctor who helped during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**What has Layla achieved in her career?**

Layla made her debut for the Vitality Roses (England National team) in 2012 against Jamaica. She was part of the women's team who won a bronze medal in the 2019 Netball World Cup. In the 2023 Netball World Cup, Layla was co-captain for the England squad where the team made it to the final, winning the silver medal after defeat to Australia.

